Columbia River Gorge Commission

Commission Meeting

November 10, 2026 – 9:00 am to 3:15 pm
via Zoom Webinar and in person at

Skamania Lodge
1131 SW Skamania Lodge Way
Stevenson, Washington

ZOOM LINK to register for the November 10, 2026, Gorge Commission Meeting:
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_w8lz1iDRSXmvEOnyZ_1UMA

AGENDA

8:45 a.m.	**Begin Call/Sign-In – Test for video and audio connections**
9:00 a.m.	**Call to Order and Roll**
9:03 a.m.	**Approval of the September 8, 2026, Commission Meeting Minutes**
9:05 a.m.	**Land Acknowledgment:** Sage Ebel
9:07 a.m.	**Code of Conduct and Meeting Agreement:** Commissioner Alex Johnson
9:12 a.m.	**Treaty Tribe Word of the Day:** Chair Carina Miller
9:15 a.m.	**Opportunity for Treaty Tribe Nations to Address the Commission:** As part of the Government-to-Government consultation process, the Commission welcomes input from Treaty Tribe Nations on any agenda item and other matters.

9:20 a.m.	**Public Comment* for items related to the National Scenic Area not on the agenda.**
9:25 a.m.	**Welcome:** Kara Owen, General Manager, Skamania Lodge
9:35 a.m.	**Executive Director's Report:** Krystyna U. Wolniakowski, Executive Director, and staff will provide updates on the Agency Request Budget process and timing, the two-year audit underway by the Washington State Auditor, posting Gorge Commission updates, and NSA 40th anniversary year opportunities.
9:45 a.m.	**USDA Forest Service Report:** Marin Palmer, Acting Forest Supervisor, will provide updates on the USDA Forest Service activities in the National Scenic Area.
9:55 a.m.	**Information Item: Oregon Executive Order 25-26*:** Lisa Naas Cook, Climate Program Manager, will share the Gorge Commission's draft workplan for implementing the Oregon Governor's Executive Order on Landscape Resilience.
10:20 a.m.	**"Gorge 2030" Management Plan Discussion:** Gorge Commissioners will share their perspectives on conducting a complete review of the Management Plan, the information needed to review it, and long-range planning not currently part of the Management Plan.
12:00 p.m.	**Lunch**
1:00 p.m.	**Wasco County Disaster Amendment Adoption:** Joanna Kaiserman, Senior Land Use Planner, will present the staff report and the amended Wasco County NSA ordinance. These amendments align the Wasco County NSA ordinance with the disaster recovery amendment to the Management Plan. The Commission will hold a public hearing on the county's amended ordinance and vote on whether to find the ordinance consistent with the GMA provisions of the

	Management Plan and to tentatively find the ordinance consistent with the SMA provisions of the Management Plan.
1:30 p.m.	**Continuation of "Gorge 2030" Management Plan Discussion – if needed**
2:00 p.m.	**Information Item: Correction of a Mapping Error:** Mike Schrankel, GIS Manager, will provide a corrected map for a land use designation in Multnomah County, Oregon.
2:15 p.m.	**Committee Reports** • Executive • Communications ○ Approval of Communications Best Practices Guidance for Commissioners & Staff • Economic Vitality • Rules
2:40 p.m.	**Election of 2027 Chair and Vice-Chair**
3:05 p.m.	**Other Business**
3:15 p.m.	**Adjourn**

NOTE: The * indicates that comments are welcome and are limited to three minutes.

The times listed on the agenda are approximate. The Commission Chair reserves the right to change the order and timing of items if earlier agenda items take longer or to accommodate invited speakers' schedules.

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GUIDELINES FOR COMMENTING

The Commission appreciates your feedback and provides these guidelines to help make your comments more effective. If you want to speak to the Commission during the comment period or address one of the agenda items designated for comment, please:

Be courteous and professional – Your message is most effective when it maintains a neutral and professional tone. Focus on addressing the issues and facts that matter to you, rather than personalities.

Effective use of comment time – All speakers will be allotted three minutes to share their thoughts. The Chair may adjust the meeting's time limits to keep things on schedule.

Prepare your speaking points in advance to ensure your message is clear to the Commission. The points will have the most impact if they are accurate. Organize your thoughts as follows: your Point, Reasoning, an Example of your point, and a Summary. The Commission aims to use this P.R.E.S. model in discussions and will be listening for these parts of your message.

Be mindful of your time so others can have a chance to speak.

Submitting Written Comments

If you would like your comments entered into the record, please email your written comments to PublicComment@gorgecommission.org by noon on November 9, 2026. This gives the Commissioners adequate time to review your comments before the meeting.

Thank you again for commenting on issues important to you. We appreciate your interest in the future of the National Scenic Area and the time and thought you put into your comments.